



# The Senate Page

The Washington State Legislature has one of the finest page programs in the country. Hundreds of students throughout Washington State have an opportunity each year to take part in the legislative process and observe the Legislature and other branches of state government in action.

This document provides basic information about the Senate Page Program to assist you in submitting your application. In order to be considered, you must complete the application and **return it to the senator who represents your legislative district. If you don't know your senator's name and address, you may obtain it from your county auditor's office or call the Legislative Information Center Hotline at 800-562-6000.**



It is an honor to be selected as a page for the Washington State Senate. If you are selected, you can look forward to a fun and educational experience. During your stay in Olympia, you will meet people from all over

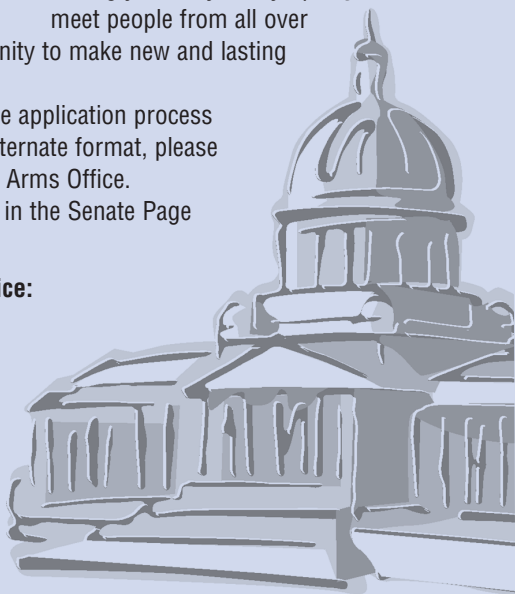
the state, and have an opportunity to make new and lasting friendships.

If you need assistance in the application process or need this document in an alternate format, please contact the Senate Sergeant at Arms Office.

Thank you for your interest in the Senate Page Program!

## **Senate Sergeant at Arms' Office:**

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**The Page** is a helping hand during legislative sessions, which run from January through March in even numbered years or January through April during odd numbered years. Pages perform many tasks that allow Senators and staff to focus on legislative duties. Please keep in mind that some of these tasks may be tedious. In addition to their assigned tasks, Pages spend two hours each day in class learning about the legislative process.

The Senate receives hundreds of page applications each year. Though we would like to accept all who apply, we have limited openings. To maximize the opportunity for all, our policy allows that you page **ONE TIME ONLY** in either the Senate or the House. Your application will not be accepted if our records show that you have paged for either chamber in the past.

**Here are requirements you must meet:**

1. Parent/guardian's permission;
2. School's permission/recommendation;
3. Senate sponsor;
4. Social Security number (must be obtained before paging); and
5. Must be at least 14 years of age and have not reached your 17th birthday.

If you are selected, you will receive an acceptance letter and an information packet that will address all you need to know about paging. The information packet will arrive approximately four weeks before your start date and includes a Page Handbook, necessary forms and a list of private housing options for your stay in Olympia.

Your parents or guardian will be responsible for your housing arrangements and your off-duty time.

Students page from Monday through Friday. You must attend a 1½ hour Page orientation on the Sunday afternoon of your scheduled work week. Details will be included in the information packet.

Pages begin their work day at 7:45 a.m. and finish no later than 5:00 p.m. If the Senate holds an evening or Saturday session, pages are not required to work but may volunteer to assist during those hours as well. You will earn \$35 per day

for each day worked (including the Sunday orientation). A check will be mailed to your home 2-4 weeks after you have completed your week of paging.

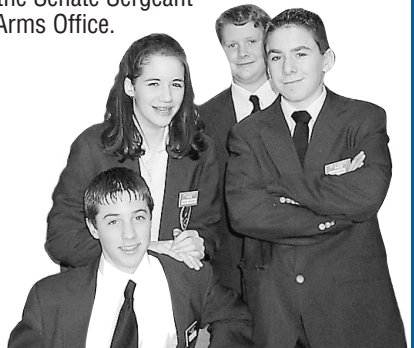
Your appearance must be neat at all times. A page jacket will be furnished; however, you will need to bring:

- Black slacks or dress pants (skirts, black jeans, spandex, leggings or "low rise" pants are NOT acceptable)
- Gentlemen: white shirts with collar and black tie—shirts must always be tucked in
- Ladies: white blouses, shirts or turtlenecks (shirts must be tucked in and buttoned to the waist—T-shirts, sweatshirts, bare midriffs are NOT acceptable)
- Comfortable black shoes and black socks (solid black tennis shoes are acceptable).

A complete packing list is included in the information packet. If you do not meet the dress requirements, you will need to acquire the necessary clothing and wear it appropriately before you are allowed to page or you will be asked to return home.

Pages are scheduled up to 2 months ahead for the entire session. Please give careful consideration to the "Weeks you cannot page" section of the application. If you are selected and scheduled to page, we cannot accommodate cancellations for any reason.

Thank you for your interest in the Senate Page Program. If you have questions, please see the Frequently Asked Questions page at: [www.leg.wa.gov/senate/sadm/senpage.htm](http://www.leg.wa.gov/senate/sadm/senpage.htm), contact your legislative district's Senator or the Senate Sergeant at Arms Office.



SENATE PAGE APPLICATION

Please type or print legibly.

Application must be filled out completely on both sides to be considered.

Your District State Senator (call 800-562-6000 to find):

Student Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (middle) \_\_\_\_\_ (last)

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (required): \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

School name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I also authorize, by my signature, the use of photographs of my child by the Washington State Senate and/or its designated representatives in any Senate authorized publication. I understand that such photographs will be held in files open to the public and agree to the use of these photographs without compensation or payment.

Have you paged at any time in the: Senate? \_\_\_\_\_ House? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you require housing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Parent Information

Name of parent(s) or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent contact numbers: Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Eve. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Weeks you CANNOT page (final exams, sports, family obligations, etc.):** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please give this section careful consideration. We cannot reschedule you if you cancel.**

**I recommend this applicant for the position of PAGE in the Washington State Senate during the upcoming session.**

**Member, Washington State Senate**

## Recommendations

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher/Counselor/Homeschool Instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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